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**Box PATENT APPLICATION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: New U.S. Patent Appln.  
Our Ref: **381NP/48511**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

**Hidehiro IIZUKA; Kojiro OKUDE; Masato KANEEDA; Kousei NAGAYAMA;  
Hisao YAMASHITA; Osamu KURODA and Yuichi KITAHARA**

entitled: **EXHAUST GAS CLEANING METHOD, EXHAUST GAS CLEANING  
CATALYST AND EXHAUST GAS CLEANING DEVICE FOR INTERNAL  
COMBUSTION ENGINE**

Enclosed are:

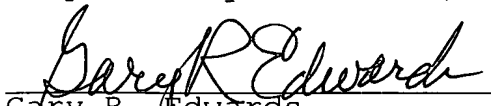
1. Specification, including 18 claims (pages 1-44).
2. 2 Sheet(s) of X Formal        Informal drawings  
showing Figs. 1-2.
3. X Declaration and Power of Attorney (**executed**).
4. Assignment of the invention to Hitachi, Ltd.
5. Certified copy of Priority Document 11-007313 filed in  
Japan on 14 January 1999, the priority of which is being  
claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 C.F.R. §1.55.
6. X Information Disclosure Statement.
7. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

Basic Fee					\$345/690 =	\$690.00
Total Claims	<u>18</u>	20	=	<u>0</u>	x \$ 9/18 =	\$
Independent Claims	<u>7</u>	- 3	=	<u>4</u>	x \$39/78 =	\$312.00
Multiple Dependent Claim Presented					\$130/260 =	\$
Total Filing Fee						<u>\$1002.00</u>

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40.00 for X assignment recording fee are enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any  
additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment,  
to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #381NP/48511). A  
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Respectfully submitted,

  
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